

GROVER CLEVELAND PREDICTS GENERAL DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Sees the Dawning of a New Day That Will Bring Cheer to the Party— Says Not only New York and New Jersey but Entire Country Will Go Democratic Next Week.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Morristown, N. J., Oct. 30.—After Mr. Cleveland had left the Lyceum meeting to-night an unusual incident occurred. There was a great crowd about the building which had been waiting for a glimpse of him.

They compelled him to mount a temporary platform in the street. He did so and then uttered some words of prophecy.

"I seldom indulge in predictions," said he, "but no man can see the signs of the times. Next week will tell a story in this district and all over this land which will bring cheer to all of us."

On the threshold of the day on which the prosperity of the nation has been hailed, but which will be absorbed, will see Democrats distributed among the ranks of the victors.

Victims of my heart to say to you that the hour is at hand when the tide of adversity which has been rolling against the Democracy will be reversed, when the light of a new day is in sight over the hills."



GROVER CLEVELAND.
Who delivered a speech at Morristown, N. J., last night, predicting a general Democratic victory in next week's election.

UNCLES TARIFF THAT MAKES "CRUEL AND UNMERCIFUL TRUSTS."

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New York, N. J., Oct. 30.—Former President Cleveland delivered a campaign speech to-night for the first time in more than a year. His only other appearance in public was at the Tilden Club in New York last year when there was no campaign in prospect.

C. Flanagan, Democratic nominee for Governor, arranged the meeting and has invited Mr. Cleveland to attend. The President came up from Princeton, N. J., where he is now residing.

A special car with Robert D. Foots, owner of the National Iron Bank of New York, the Democratic leader of the campaign, and a social leader, his secretary, went to the Foots mansion in high street, where Mr. Cleveland is to stay.

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SOME OF CLEVELAND'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST TARIFFS.

"Never, within my observation or experience, has there been a time when tariff reform should be more earnestly, persistently and honestly pressed than now."

"A tariff for protection as its chief object is, at all times and in every feature of it, an unjust and unfair burden upon the masses of our people; the hold and arrogant development of its unfairness and injustice, and the new directions they have taken ought to especially arrest the attention and apprehension of every citizen."

"The advanced growth of the arrogance and greediness of tariff beneficiaries and the kindness shown to them by the friends of the tariff demonstrated how confidently they relied upon the continuance of the people's credulity."

"A high tariff protects the trusts from foreign competition, and, by agreed association and confederacy in production and price, they defend themselves against competition at home. It is not true that to all other reasons for reform in our tariff laws there is added the birth and growth of their cruel and unmerciful progeny of trusts."

MAYOR WELLS VISITS REPUBLICAN WARDS.

Receives Overtures in the Ninth and Tenth Wards at Large Meetings Last Night.

STRAIGHT BUSINESS PLEAS.

Necessity for Electing the Democratic Candidates is Clearly Pointed Out by Municipal Executive.

Mayor Rella Wells, assisted by Thomas M. McPherson and Henry T. Kent, the one a well-known business man, and the other a lawyer, visited the Republican strongholds in the Ninth and Tenth wards in South St. Louis last night and addressed two of the most enthusiastic audiences that have assembled since the opening of the campaign.

Overtures were given the Mayor at both meetings, and the one in the Tenth Ward, where a reception was accorded him by more than 1,000 persons, was especially demonstrative.

The speeches made by the Mayor were along the same lines as those delivered by him Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He commended the candidates selected by the Democratic City Central Committee, and made an earnest plea for their support. He also laid stress upon the necessity of voting for the constitutional amendments.

At the Ninth Ward meeting, which was held in Concordia Turner Hall, Thirtieth and Arsenal streets, he said, in part:

Holding, as I do, the highest office in the gift of the people of St. Louis, I feel that it is my duty to speak out for what I consider to be the best interests of the city and of the people. I am not a politician, nor am I seeking public office. I am a citizen, a taxpayer and an employer, and as such address you."

I admire a man who has the courage of his convictions, and the man who will permit himself to be misled into supporting a candidate and a partisan press to be misguided. The question arises, are you ready and willing to vote for the man who is a citizen, a taxpayer and a partisan press to be misguided. The question arises, are you ready and willing to vote for the man who is a citizen, a taxpayer and a partisan press to be misguided.

MILES'S REPORT, SUBMITTED MONTH AGO, IS HELD BACK.

Believed to Contain Some Recommendations of a Cautious System a Success.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Washington, Oct. 30.—Officers of the army are commenting upon the fact that, although the annual report of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles was submitted more than a month ago, it has not yet been made public. It is said by army officers that General Miles's report this year is of unusual interest, as he is new in the Philippines and cannot make his views on prospective army legislation known to Congress save through the medium of his report.

Secretary Root and General Miles are not in accord upon two important prospective changes in the laws governing the organization and management of the army, which lends added interest to the report.

It is said by some officers that General Miles believed the solution of the question has been for the good of the efficiency and discipline of the army.

Technically, the Secretary of War has the right to keep back General Miles's report. It is made by him in support of the purpose of giving him information regarding the needs of the army.

MOLINEUX TO TESTIFY IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

Court Denies Motion to Dismiss the Murder Charge on the Ground of Insufficient Evidence.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
New York, Oct. 30.—Roland H. Molineux will testify in his own defense in his trial for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. That was decided today by his counsel, ex-Governor Black, and the plan will be carried out unless a change is decided upon before to-morrow morning.

Shortly after court opened today, Mr. Black moved for a dismissal of the charge on the ground of insufficient evidence. Justice Lambert denied the motion. An adjournment until to-morrow was then asked for and granted. After adjournment Governor Black said in regard to his plans for defense:

"I don't know what I will say, but my opening address to the jury will take not more than five minutes."

"I intend to put Molineux on the stand in his own defense. I am not positive at this time that I will do this, but any or all of my plans are subject to change."

He declared that, after a hearing, a change of plans, two days would be sufficient to present his side of the case.

TELLS OF PROFITS IN MATING COUPLES

W. W. Chinn Says He Cleared Only Ten Dollars a Week in His Matrimonial Bureau.

REFUSES TO TALK OF PAST.

Examination of Thousands of Letters to Prisoner Reveals the Methods of Operation.

According to W. W. Chinn, who was arrested Wednesday by Post Office Inspectors Sullivan and Price, charged with having used the mails to defraud in the business of the "Verona Book Company and Introduction Bureau," the mailing of free-lance correspondence and those who need the money is not a profitable enterprise.

Chinn said that after his expenses were paid he had but a few dollars for himself and that sometimes he lost money, because a great many of his "clients" preferred owing to paying their fees. In attempting to prove this statement to Inspector Sullivan at the city jail yesterday afternoon, Chinn submitted the following figures, which, he said, fairly represented the extent of his weekly operations in St. Louis:

Expenses—Advertising, \$15; employees, \$3; office and typewriter rent, \$7; postage, \$12. Total, \$37. To counterbalance this, Chinn said, his receipts hardly averaged more than \$30 a day, or \$180 a week.

Inspector Sullivan is inclined to doubt this itemized tale of hard times in the matrimonial market, on account of the large amount of mail which Chinn received daily and the statement of one of his four stenographers.



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Alleged promoter of "matrimonial agency," who was arrested Wednesday on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

W. W. Chinn, a "matrimonial agency" promoter, who was arrested Wednesday on a charge of using the mails to defraud, is shown in a photograph. He is a man of about 35 years of age, with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression.

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PANAMA CANAL WILL BE BUILT FORTHWITH

Work Will Be Started and Terms With Colombia Discussed as Side Issue.

DELAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

State Department Believes South American Republic Is Trying to Strike a Hard Bargain With United States.

The Republic Bureau.
11th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, Oct. 30.—It is announced at the State Department that the United States Government will not be delayed beyond a reasonable time in its plans for the construction of the Panama Canal.

If Colombia manifests a disposition to haggle over the terms, the price to be paid her and the extent of the United States jurisdiction on the isthmus, the United States Government will not wait to conclude a treaty with her, but will begin digging the canal and discuss the terms afterwards.

This Government has determined to construct a canal. It has selected the Panama route as the best, most practical and the cheapest. The money to purchase it has been appropriated, and the title has been found perfect. Everything is in readiness for beginning the work except securing an agreement with Colombia as to the amount of the only objection. She would be placed in the position of a claimant and, in case of continued disagreement between her and the United States as to terms, the question might eventually be referred to the Hague Court of Arbitration.

ODELL A 3-TO-5 FAVORITE.

Republicans Refuse to Give Democrats Two to One.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
New York, Oct. 30.—The betting on the election in New York is 5 to 3, Odell being favorite. Lots of color money is offered, but the Democrats want 2 to 1 for it.

In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania is an overwhelming favorite. Practically no Pittsford money is to be had and no odds can be quoted.

INSIDE METHODS OF HOUSE COMBINE REVEALED BY WITNESS J. K. MURRELL.



EDMUND BERSCH.
Former member of the House of Delegates, who is being tried on a charge of perjury.

Much information regarding the conduct of the combine in the House of Delegates, nineteen members of which have been indicted, came out yesterday at the trial of Edmund Bersch on the charge of perjury.

John K. Murrell, the juror that the combine was perfectly organized; that it had a chairman who presided over its meetings and his testimony was corroborated by that of his brother, E. E. Murrell, and John Helms.

Murrell related an interesting story of his connection with the Suburban bill. He told of the agreement he had made with Phil Stock to have the combine pass the bill for \$25,000.

The defense sprung another surprise, when, after Murrell had given such damaging testimony against Bersch, Judge Krum announced that he did not care to cross-examine the witness.

E. E. Murrell declared on cross-examination that so far as he knew he had never been indicted; that no information had been issued against him and that he was not out on bond. This was contrary to the general belief.

Helms was positive that Bersch attended all of the combine meetings. Like the two Murrells, George F. Robertson and William M. Tamblin, Helms declared no promises of immunity had been made by the Circuit Attorney.

Testified in the Bersch Trial That Secret Meetings Were Held—and Prices Put on All Franchise Measures.

DEMURRER FILED BY DEFENSE.

John K. Murrell, the State's principal witness against Edmund Bersch, who is on trial on a charge of perjury, on the witness stand yesterday revealed for the first time the inside workings of the combine which existed among members of the House of Delegates.

He declared that the nineteen members of the House of Delegates, all of whom have been indicted or are held on information, held secret meetings and put the prices on all franchise measures that came before the House.

He further testified that parliamentary rules governed the meetings and said that his brother, E. E. Murrell, who was then Speaker of the House of Delegates, usually presided at the meetings. He stated that Bersch was present at all the meetings.

The inside workings of the combine had never been told. Julius Lehmann and Harry A. Faulkner were convicted on testimony which did not come from the inside.

Murrell's testimony was not different from that of Phil Stock in so far as their conferences about the bill was concerned. But in regard to the combine's action on the measure his testimony was entirely new and he gave much information that did not come out at the Faulkner and Lehmann perjury trials.

John K. Murrell, E. E. Murrell, John Helms and George F. Robertson were the members of the combine who testified at the trial.

MURRELL TELLS OF COMBINE'S OPERATIONS.

"I believe the original Suburban bill had not come to the House from the Council; that we only had copies of it," said Murrell, "when the nineteen members of the combine, Albright, Bersch, Denny, Faulkner, Gutke, Kelly, Lehmann, Maden, Sheridan, Hartmann, Schnettler, Schumacher, Robertson, Tamblin, Hannigan, Decker, E. E. Murrell and myself met in the House of Delegates retiring-room to consider it and decide on a price for which we would pass it."

"My brother, E. E. Murrell, who was Speaker of the House, was chosen chairman. We took votes on the amount that should be charged to pass the bill. Some of the members voted for \$20,000, others \$25,000, and I believe one voted to ask \$50,000. We decided upon \$25,000."

"Of this amount \$15,000 was to be paid to each member on the night the bill was passed, and the balance when the Mayor signed it."

"Then we voted upon the question of who should represent the combine in the negotiations with the Suburban representatives. The names of Helms, Gutke and myself were voted upon. I was selected. The combine then gave me instructions to see Phil Stock and for me to hold out for \$25,000 for the nineteen votes on the bill."

"I went to see Stock. He wanted to know what we would pass the bill for. I asked him to first make me a proposition. He offered \$20,000. I refused it, and told him he would have to pay \$25,000. I reported to the combine what I had done with Stock. I was instructed to hold out for \$25,000, and \$25,000 for each of the nineteen members on the night the bill would be passed."

"I had several other meetings with Stock, and reported my actions to the combine each time. The boys began to get uneasy. Information came to us that the Grand Jury was going to hold up the case. Then it was that Bersch made a motion to depose me as the representative and appoint a committee consisting of Helms, Lehmann, Decker and Robertson to deal with Stock and get the money, although the bill had not been passed and our agreement had not been kept with him."

"His motion was carried and the committee was appointed. Bersch also wanted me to give up the key to the safety deposit box in the Lincoln Trust Company and the receipt for the box. Stock and I had taken the \$25,000 he had agreed to pay for the passage of the bill and placed it there. He had taken one key and I the other. I refused to give up the key."

"When the Grand Jury took up the case, I saw Bersch in his office and he told me that all the combine members had agreed to swear before the Grand Jury that they knew nothing about the money in the safety deposit box. I was indicted without being called as a witness and did not have to testify."

"That's all," was Judge Krum's only remark when Murrell finished his testimony.

CHAIRMAN OF MEETING.

E. E. Murrell was the next witness. He told how his brother had been appointed to deal with Stock and the reports of progress he had made. He said his brother told at meetings attended by Bersch that the money had been placed in the Lincoln Trust Company box. He said his brother showed the key and the receipt for the box. He said he had acted as chairman of the meetings of the combine when the Suburban bill was discussed. He said his brother reported that Stock only wanted to pay \$20,000, but that the boys would not agree to accept it and insisted on receiving \$25,000.

Judge Krum then took up the cross-examination.

"You was a witness before the Grand Jury?"

"Yes."

"You was examined as to the Suburban bill?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are you under indictment?"

"No, sir."

"Has an information been filed against you?"

"Not that I know of."

"Are you out on bail?"

"No, sir."

"Were you arrested?"

"No, I guess not. I called at the Circuit Attorney's office when I was informed that my brother had returned and was told on upstairs to the Grand Jury room."

"As I understand it, you denied all the things of which you now testify when you was a witness before the December Grand Jury, did you not?" asked Judge Krum.

"Yes, sir."

"Was it it then that you went before the June Grand Jury and told all about the Suburban bill?"

"Well, I saw that the information was bound to come out when I was told that my brother had told all he knew."

"You told it to protect and save your self?"

"Yes."

"Were any promises of immunity made to you by any person for telling what you testified to?"

SWAYNE'S COMMAND IS SAFE.

Mad Mullah Will Be Attacked When Re-enforcements Arrive.

Aden, Arabia, Oct. 30.—Colonel Swayne, the British Commissioner in Somaliland, has reached Berbera in safety. His wounded are doing well.

No further movement of the British troops against the Mad Mullah will be made until a large force is collected, which will be about two months hence. There is no doubt that the Somali levies showed the white feather in the recent fighting with the Mullah's followers.

Colonel Kobbie is in command at Bohotia, Somaliland, where the guns have arrived. There is no threat.

CITY COVERED WITH SIX INCHES OF LAVA

Santa Maria Volcano in Central America Spouting Forth Destruction to Quesaltenango.

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Frequent Earthquakes Accompany the Eruptions, Which Are Heard for Miles Around—Populace Is Terrified.

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EMPEROR SELECTS FAIR COMMISSIONER

Doctor Lewald's Name Sent Before German Bundesrath for Representative to St. Louis.

BIG EXHIBIT IS PLANNED.

Government Wants Plenty of Space in All Departments—Cabinet Will Ask for an Appropriation of \$500,000.

COFFEE PLANTATIONS DESTROYED.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—The entire coffee zone of Guatemala has been destroyed by the flames and smoke from Santa Maria's blazing mouth. Eruptions threaten the destruction of every living thing within reach of the fumes and fire that pour from the burning mountain, according to a cable to Castle Brothers, importers of this city, received from their coffee plantation in Guatemala. Only meagre details are given.

"Last Monday," said Louis Hirsch of Castle Brothers, "I wired to our representatives there, asking for news of the eruption of Maria, and last night I received in reply this cablegram:

"It is true. Enormous losses. Horrible volcanic eruption. Coffee zone destroyed. Our lives are in danger. Further reports will follow."

"The coffee districts referred to," said Mr. Hirsch, are the Costa Guca and Costa Grande. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed, as the cable seems to indicate, one-third of the crop is likely involved.

"This volcano, Santa Maria, is located between Retalhuleu and Quetzaltenango. The towns in the neighborhood most likely to be destroyed are San Felipe, Mazatenango and Quetzaltenango. The volcano has been dead or sleeping for many years."

I was in the district last April, at the time when earthquakes racked the country. No volcanic eruptions accompanied the earthquakes, however."

BIG APPROPRIATION ASKED.

The Cabinet at its request has inserted, in the budget, an item of \$500,000 in the budget to defray the expenses of the German official exhibits at the Fair.

The German Government has decided, after a long delay, to make an adequate representation at St. Louis. Home Secretary Posadowski, within whose jurisdiction the business comes, has shown recently a strong official and personal interest in the Fair.

The Government quite expects the agrarians to object to the appropriation, and as it will have to deal with a hostile majority \$500,000 seemed the utmost desirable amount. Even this sum may be diminished in the final revision of the budget before it is submitted to the Reichstag at the end of November or the beginning of December.

This Reichstag's appropriation can be supplemented next year. The Government so far has only promised to send adequate fine and industrial art and educational exhibits. The prospects now are that the Government's Commissioner will arrange for exhibits in other departments. Doctor Lewald will take space in all the buildings.

Mr. Crider, the former Third Assistant Secretary of State in the United States, and C. W. Kohlman, have arrived here. The embassy officials will ask that Mr. Crider be granted an audience with the Emperor, which, however, cannot take place until after his Majesty's return from England in the middle of November.

282 Want Help To-Day.

The Republic of to-day contains the following ads for "Help":

Housework	591 Trades	49
Boys	20 Barbers	28
Cooks	18 Miscellaneous	106

A little Want Ad in The Republic will work wonders in obtaining profitable and permanent employment. Figures prove it.